

# Attachment D

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*Outreach and Presentations*

How do you play?



How do you use our parks?



**Community Meetings**  
**Reuniones comunitarias**

*About/sobre*

**City of Lawrence**  
**2009 Open Space Plan**  
**Plan para Espacios Abiertos**

¿Como juegas?



¿Como usas nuestras parques?

***The City needs your input!***

***¡La Ciudad necesita su opinión!***

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**Session/sesión 1**

Oct 2, 2008

6:30 pm

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**Session/sesión 2**

Oct 9, 2008

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Cafeteria

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Lawrence Heritage State Park-third floor/tercer piso

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Planning Board  
147 Haverhill St  
Lawrence MA 01840

Lawrence Historical Commission  
147 Haverhill St  
Lawrence MA 01840

City of Lawrence  
200 Common St  
Lawrence, MA 01840

Lawrence City Council  
200 Common St  
Lawrence, MA 01840

Groundwork Lawrence  
60 Island St  
Lawrence, MA 01840

Lawrence Community Works  
Our House Campus  
168 Newbury Street  
Lawrence, MA 01841

Habitat for Humanity  
60 Island St  
Lawrence, MA 01840

Bread and Roses  
58 Newbury St  
Lawrence MA 01840

Lazarus House Ministries  
410 Hampshire St, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Lawrence, MA 01840

Greater Lawrence Community  
Action Council  
305 Essex St  
Lawrence, MA 01840

Arlington Community Trabajando  
599 Canal St, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Lawrence, MA 01840

Neighborhood Legal Services  
170 Common St, Suite 300  
Lawrence, MA 01840

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission  
160 Main St  
Haverhill, MA 01830

Merrimack Valley Economic  
Development Council  
439 South Union St  
Lawrence, MA 01843

Merrimack Valley Regional Transit  
Authority  
85 Railroad Ave  
Haverhill, MA 01835

Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce  
264 Essex St  
Lawrence, MA 01840

Department of Housing and Community  
Development  
100 Cambridge St, Suite 300  
Boston, MA 02114

Massachusetts Executive Office of  
Environmental Affairs  
100 Cambridge St, Suite 900  
Boston, MA 02114

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
220 Morrissey Boulevard  
Boston, MA 02125

Us Department of Housing and Urban  
Development  
10 Causeway St, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02222



October 28, 2008

Dear Lawrence School Principal;

Groundwork Lawrence is a non-profit here in Lawrence focused on reclaiming open space and building parks, connecting people to fresh and locally-grown food, coordinating volunteer events to keep our community clean, and raising residents' awareness about environmental issues our community faces. On behalf of the City of Lawrence, GWL has been collecting community input for the 2009 Open Space and Recreation Plan, which is a public document that helps the City prioritize its investments in existing and new open spaces and recreational amenities citywide. We are contracted by the City of Lawrence Community Development Department to renew the 2004 Plan, and so I am asking for some help in reaching Lawrence residents-especially students and their families. First, here are a few items about the Open Space Plan:

### **What is an Open Space Plan?**

- City's "road map" for open space conservation, acquisition, and improvements;
- Includes parks, recreational facilities, vacant lots and alleyways, and natural areas;
- Must be updated every 5 years and submitted to MA Division of Conservation Services;
- Approved plan allows the city to apply for state and federal grants, e.g., PARC (formerly the Urban Self Help program)
- Plan includes inventory and analysis, community needs/goals, 5-year action plan

### **What kind of open space do we have in Lawrence?**

- 39 parks and schoolyards across the city (40 as of fall 2009);
- 270 acres of open space, equivalent to 3.7 acres per 1,000 people; by contrast, Boston has 9.3 acres per 1,000 people (and has a much higher population density);
- Majority of open space is owned and maintained by the city; several parks are owned and managed by the State (Mass. DCR);
- Open space amenities in Lawrence include recreational fields and playgrounds, historic parks and monuments, boating, swimming pools, rock climbing, a skate park, community gardens, and nature trails.

### **How Groundwork is creating the 2009 Open Space Plan**

- Community meetings-3 have already taken place in October
- Resident Surveys-attached to this letter or found at [www.groundworklawrence.org](http://www.groundworklawrence.org)
- Presentations to City Boards (Planning Board, Conservation Commission, etc.)
- Interviews with City Officials
- We also accept formal letters from individuals, officials and organizations, and these will be added to the document.

We'd greatly appreciate your willingness to distribute the attached survey to your teachers who could in turn distribute them to their students who live in Lawrence. Please call my project manager, Kathryn Prybylski, with any questions. Thank you for your attention.

Kate O'Brien  
Executive Director




  
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